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SUBJECT: ALP MODERATES GAIN IN VICTORIA PRE-SELECTION CONTESTS
FOR THE 1978 FEDERAL ELECTIONS

1. ON SEPTEMBER 19 THE VICTORIA ALP SELECTED THREE CANDI-
DATES FOR THE 1978 FEDERAL SENATE ELECTIONS. CONSTITUTIONAL
LAWYER GARATH EVANS, 32, WON THE ALP'S FIRST POSITION FOL-
LOWED BY SENATOR JOHN BUTTON, A RIGHT-WINGER BY ALP STANDARDS,
WHO GOT THE SECOND SPOT. A SPLIT IN THE ALP'S LEFT WING
FACTION, WHICH DIVIDED ITS VOTES BETWEEN LEFT WING SENATOR
BILL BROWN AND LEFT WINGER BILL HARTLEY, RESULTED IN BROWN
GETTING THE THIRD SPOT ON THE TICKET.

2. NORMALLY, ONLY THE FIRST TWO PLACES ON THE ALP SENATE
TICKET ARE ASSURED OF ELECTION.

3. THIS OUTCOME IS A WELCOME VICTORY FOR THE MODERATE
FACTIONS WITHIN THE VICTORIA ALP AND MAY WELL SIGNAL THE
REMOVAL OF HARTLEY, A VOCIFEROUS CRITIC OF ALL THINS
AMERICAN AND A DEDICATED SUPPORTER OF THE PLO FROM THE
AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL SCENE. IT WOULD BE NO LOSS IF
SENATOR BROWN, NOW SLATED THIRD ON THE TICKET, WERE TO
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FAIL IN HIS BID FOR RE-ELECTION. BROWN'S MAIN CONTRI-

BUTION IN RECENT YEARS HAS BEEN TO ACCUSE BOTH AMBASSADOR GREEN AND AMBASSADOR HARGROVE OF BEING CIA AGENTS.

4. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, ACTU AND ALP FEDERAL PRESIDENT BOB HAWKE ANNOUNCED ON SEPTEMBER 15 THAT HE WOULD NOT SEEK PRE-SELECTION AS A VICTORIA CANDIDATE FOR A SEAT IN THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT AT THIS TIME. HAWKE INDICATED THAT IF HE WERE TO GAIN PRE-SELECTION AT THIS TIME HE WOULD BE REGARDED AS A LAME DUCK ACTU PRESIDENT. IN FACT, HAWKE WAS UNABLE TO SECURE PRE-SELECTION FOR A SAFE SEAT AT THIS TIME, BUT CONTINUES TO HOPE THAT ONE TURNS UP IN THE FUTURE. HARGROVE

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